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TO: Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
FROM: Chief, Foreign Division M
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC: Walter RAUFF

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REFERENCE: PIR-5915 - W. H. H. 11

1. The attached report from a reliable source makes some remarkable claims which, in terms of our interest, boil down to the theory that Walter RAUFF, Abdullah RAUFF, Dr. HOMSY, and, of course, Willi FRIEDE's friend Herr ROEWE, are identical.

2. The composite figure born of this amalgamation comes as quite a surprise. We have never had a deep conviction of the reliability as individuals of the various sources who have previously commented on these identities, but the widespread misinformation or wholesale conspiracy indicated by PIR-5915 is another matter. We append a few notes from OFFSPRING information as an indication of the problem:

- a. MGLA-1512. "Initially FRIEDE, as he tells the story, was sought out at the Germanicum by a Herr ROEWE, who turned out to be RAUFF. Later RAUFF brought around and introduced the Syrian HOMSI (who had been an Obersturmbannführer in the Waffen SS)."
- b. MGLA-711, Annex No. 2. "HOMSY: Syrian representative residing in MUNICH. HOMSY had the same mission as Dr. IBO. **RAUFF: Former Commander of the Security Police in MILANO. At present teacher on a monastery school in ROME and deputy of HOMSY."
- c. In another inclosure to MGLA-711, SPUDERMAYER, who claims Walter RAUFF is a close friend of his, says that in December 1948 HOMSY was waiting in Rome for his departure to Syria, while at the same time RAUFF was in Syria, preparing to return to Rome.
- d. In a station comment appended to paragraph 1 b of MGLA-711, OFFSPRING is quoted as saying Walter and Abdullah are in no case identical. Abdullah, they say, was in Berlin during the war as representative of the German branch office of the Afghanistan State Bank, and they believe him presently to be working in London for the Afghanistan Government.

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There is, in addition, an F-2 report from Damascus which ties in still another figure: "Captain Akram TARBARAH - Assistant to the Chief (of the Syrian Deuxieme Bureau). TARBARAH speaks Arabic, French, and some German. According to source, he is "not very likeable, unintelligent, and anti-American." Source states that during World War II TARBARAH "pretended service" with German police troops, and was in a Russian prison camp. "After six months he entered the American Zone of Germany bearing a letter of dismissal by the Russians. American police arrested him, but he escaped to Syria." To this is added a Washington comment, based on B-3 information, stating: "Captain TARBARAH, using the name of John HOMSI, made a trip to Europe in October 1948, the object of which was to recruit European officers, especially Italians and Germans, for service with the Syrian Army." Compare this with paragraph three of PIB-5915.

3. Please do not pass any of the information contained in reference report to OFFSPRING, other than the fact that you have received from a reliable source the information that these individuals are identical. We hope that you will be able to determine who is being had.

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